

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims and have been amended.

Claims 1-15 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "simultaneously dry etching the organic insulating film and the inorganic insulating film using a mixed ratio gas that etches the organic insulating film faster than the inorganic insulating film." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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